

"There is no justice for oppressed people in Amerika."

Statement of the Ohio 5 — March 25, 1985

There is no justice for oppressed people in Amerika. Not when killer cops murder with impunity. There is no justice as long as an occupation army of police terrorists attack Third World communities. There is no justice in the murders of Clifford Glover, Michael Stewart and Eleanor Bumpurs by terrorists wearing the uniform of the N.Y.C. police department.

There has been no justice for revolutionaries and activists shot dead and murdered by police agents: Myari Shabaka Sundiata, Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, L.D. Barkley, Sam Melville, Joe Stunz, Anna Mae Aquash, Twyman Myers, Fred Hampton, and Zayd Malik Shakur, to name but a few of those who have made the supreme sacrifice in fighting against the ravages of national oppression and U.S. imperialism.

Oppressed people and nations not only have a right to organize with arms and defend themselves, they have a right to wage war on a government that is guilty of national oppression and trampling on human rights.

There have been many attacks on U.S. imperialism here in the U.S. Armed clandestine organizations have attacked the U.S. capitol, the south african consulate and airways, IBM, union carbide, general electric, israeli aircraft industry, the war college, military facilities, the N.Y. police department and the FBI, as well as many others.

We support these actions because they are a direct and clear attack against U.S. imperialism and because they advance the necessity to support National Liberation Struggles and self-determination as part of a revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance movement, and because they offer a measure of support to the struggles being waged against killer cops.

We support these actions because we believe it is absolutely necessary to build armed clandestine organizations as part of a developing strategy and building a revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance movement. If we do not develop the determination and the means to wage armed struggle, we are merely creating a support movement for a revolution others will make, but not a revolutionary movement itself. The armed clandestine organizations give concrete significance to a revolutionary strategy that can defeat U.S. imperialism. There must be a development and movement of forces at all levels, public and clandestine, to challenge U.S. imperialism in crisis.

Since the initial massacres of Native-americans, the institution of slavery and racism and executions of revolutionary workers, there has been a clandestine consciousness of one form or another. The government calls it conspiracy. We call it resistance.

We are revolutionary anti-imperialists. We are not terrorists or criminals and have committed NO crimes. For up to 10 years the government, using extensive counterinsurgency methods and operations—including the targeting of children—has hunted us and continues its operations against other comrades and organizations. However, during that decade, a clear example has been set of how political fugitives extensively sought, could and still, not only survive, but grow and develop, raise children, and continue and further develop revolutionary work.

We have been charged by the U.S. government with enough conspiracy counts to put us in prison kamps for 115 years each. They are trying to sentence us to a slow death in the isolation units of amerika's federal prison system. They are trying to railroad and criminalize us with their fabricated evidence and propaganda. Since our capture on November 4, 1985, in Ohio, we have upheld the principle of non-collaboration. We will continue to do so and urge others not to collaborate.

We do not look to the courts for justice because there is none there. Our defense against these government attacks is to put the real terrorists on trial: those who order the indiscriminate bombing of innocent civilians in El Salvador; who organize the contras to carry out their atrocities against the people of Nicaragua; who support the South African fascists; whose corporate profits are extracted from imperialist war, exploitation of the working class, and whose power is built on the backs of starving and oppressed millions of Third World people.

We also want to protest our punitive treatment at the hands of government agents and functionaries which began in Cleveland with the abuse of our children, with our being locked down in isolation cells, being chained and shackled in court, the use of the stun gun—not to extract a physical exemplar but to punish political prisoners—physical attacks in open court—and the continued lockdown in solitary confinement of the five of us—a policy that has continued to this day. Upon our arrival at MCC [Metropolitan Correctional Center—the federal prison in New York City] on Wednesday [March 20], we were locked up in disciplinary cells.

We want to extend our support and solidarity to the NY8+ Against Fascist Terrorism. The use of counter-insurgency operations, grand jury subpoenas and other acts of repression against these Black revolutionaries is a direct attack against the Black Liberation Struggle that must be resisted and opposed by all who support national liberation and socialism. The NY8 must be supported by all who value freedom. We consider it a priority that progressive/revolutionary organizations and the people commit themselves to the defense of the NY8 and "the long march for freedom and independence."

We also support and extend our solidarity to anti-imperialist resistance fighters Susan Rosenberg and Tim Blunk, who were railroaded through a mock trial in which they were denied the right to defend themselves and to expose who the real criminals are. We urge people to increase support for them and attend their upcoming sentencing.

Our defense is a continuing attack against U.S. imperialism.

Build a revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance movement!

Free all political prisoners and POWs!

Victory to National Liberation Struggles!

We extend our support and solidarity to all those who have refused to collaborate with the grand juries and to our comrades in the field!

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